



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ERNST FABER / EXAMINER: JILL E. CULLER
SERIAL NO.: 09/913,808 / GROUP: 2854
FILED: DECEMBER 20, 2001
FOR: SELF-INKING HAND STAMP

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1460

Sir:

In response to the Office letter of August 6, 2003, applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patents cited by the Examiner.

The teachings of Wall et al and Shih, as described by the Examiner, have previously been acknowledged by applicant as prior art and, to avoid redundancy, applicants' prior comments on these two patents are incorporated herein. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that the Examiner's description of the Toyama and Hoshino patents, as applied to features c) (3) and (d) of claim 19, does not correctly reflect the actual disclosures in these patents.

2854
#12 / Response
w/att.
11-12-03
L. Spruell

